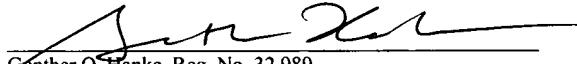


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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of August 16, 2004, the response for which was due October 16, 2004. A two-month request for extension of time to file is being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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